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Title: VACUUM PACKAGING MACHINE FOR PRODUCT PACKAGES WITH MULTIPLE PRODUCTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 et. seq., applicants, through and by their attorney, hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the documents enclosed.

A Form PTO/SB/08A, Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant, listing the cited references is attached. A copy of each foreign patent document listed on Form PTO/SB/08A is enclosed.

Concise Explanation of Relevance

DE 3404451 is considered relevant because it discloses a packaging machine (1) with an evacuation and sealing station (3) for welding what is called monofoils (6, 9) with a permanently heatable welding element. In order to prevent the monofoil from being destroyed by contact with the permanently heated welding element, there is provided a control (36) to create inside a chamber a differential pressure between the pressure on top of the upper foil and the pressure under the latter, so that the upper foil, during and after contacting with the welding element (13), remains stretched on the product and the lower foil. It is only after a cooling phase that the difference of pressure is suppressed so that the package with the foil then restabilized may be removed and taken away.

This IDS is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(3), and therefore no fee is required. However, if any fees are deemed due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 07-1765.

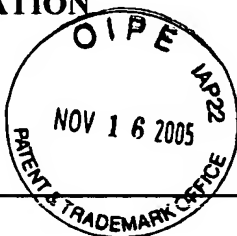
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